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La Peña Cultural Center

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Two-Month Calendar
See back for June

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La Peña Calendar of Events • May • 2006

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Dr. Loco 5/6

Maysoon Zayid 5/4

Latino Stories' Richard Candelaria 5/10

KristineWong 5/18

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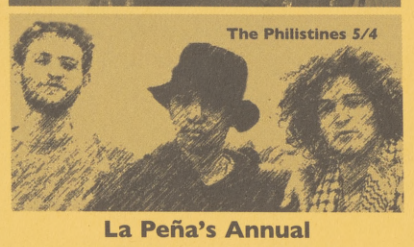
Dream 5/20


The Philistines 5/4

La Peña's Annual FriendRaiser • May 22

Since 1975, La Peña Cultural Center has raised the social, political & cultural consciousness of our diverse communities. Constantly seeking and supporting new & old voices, La Peña has become an integral part of the Bay Area's cultural & political life. At La Peña, one can enjoy progressive expressions of art and culture, impassioned poetry, innovative waves of new music, theater, and good Latin American Food.

To be a table host call: 510-849-2568 x 12

WEDNESDAY

3 CONCERT/DANCE

La Peña Latin Jazz Orchestra

directed by **Josh Jones** will perform in a benefit concert to support a recording project of the group.

8pm $7

THURSDAY

4 ARAB COMEDY & HIP HOP

La Peña Cultural Center & The Arab Cultural & Community Center present comedian **Maysoon Zayid** & **The Philistines, a.k.a. the P.** Maysoon has appeared on *As The World Turns, MTV, 20/20* and has toured her stand-up act in the US and abroad. The Philistines are an acclaimed LA hip hop group. Since the release of their album, *Self Defined*, the group has performed in shows & benefits from Guatemala to New Jersey.

7:30pm $18 adv. $20 dr.

FRIDAY

5 CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo - The Battle for our Pueblo: the Chicano/Latino Alumni Club de Berkeley invite you to the 4th Annual Pachucada, where everyone from zoot suiters to salseros, hip hop heads to rokeros are invited to cut a rug and groove to the firme rythms of a soon to be announced band. Check La Peña website for more information. All proceeds go to a Scholarship!

8:30pm $10-$15 sliding scale * $8 for students W/ID

SATURDAY

6 PACHUCO PARTY

It's Postmodern Pachuco Party Time at La Peña! Dr. Loco turned 65 and is celebrating with the

3rd Annual Rockin' Jalapeño Pachuco Party at La Peña

Come celebrate the music and style of a Chicano subculture that continues to influence the way we dress and dance into the 21st Century. Ahi los watcho carnales!

9:30pm $12, $8 for students

SUNDAY

7 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM

Art Gallery Installation at La Peña

The Art of Protest

Posters and photographs from Bay Area Protests. Opening reception featuring the participant artists and special live music with

The Brokies

6 - 9pm $5*
(Donation requested to help defer costs)

14 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

Advance Sale Ticket Information
Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org.
Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.
Ticketholders must arrive by show time for seating. People with special needs should call **849-2568 ext. 20** to make special arrangements.

21 DOMINGO DE RUMBA 3:30PM

Creative Aging Benefit Concert
Join ***Avotcja, Rafael Gonzalez, Judith-Kate Friedman, Doug Von Koss, Edie Hartshorne, Billy Cauley, & Raymond Nat Turner*** of UpSurge! in an evening of music & poetry celebrating the power of the arts in the lives of elders and all ages! A benefit for the Center for Creative Aging West's Art of Aging Festival.

7:30pm $12*
More info at 510-548-3655

28 CAFE VALPARAISO OPEN

WS Productions, Wawa & Will Bellot present
Haitian Flag Day Celebration
Observed by Haitians in the Diaspora, Haitian Flag day celebrates Haiti's struggle for independence led by Toussaint Louverture. Music with **Laky**, **Mystic Man**, (Haitian hip hop), and King Wawa & The Oneness Kindom Band (Haitian fund & pop), and Andre Radical Magic, (Zydeco).
5pm $15*

FOR CLASSES SCHEDULES VISIT WWW.LAPENA.ORG

10 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30PM

FILM
Latino Stories of World War II
In this film, four surviving veterans tell their own stories in their own words. They served in the Air Force, the Army, and the Marines, and fought in three different theaters of World War II - Europe, the Pacific, and India-China-Burma. Filmmaker Mario Barrera and some of the featured veterans of the film will be on hand to answer questions.
7:30pm $7 gen, $5 *(students w/ ID)*

11 Theater

12 Artists' opening reception for ***Rhea Thiele-Seidenberg*** & ***O'Brien Thiele***. Lobby 5:30-7pm

13 Theater

La Peña Cultural Center presents the Official West Coast Premiere of

Mastering Sex & Tortillas!

a hit solo comedy by Adelina Anthony-Back by Popular Demand!
Thurs., Fri., & Sat. May 11, 12, 13. 8pm. 2006

The critically acclaimed "Mastering Sex & Tortillas!" makes its Official West Coast Premiere. A very sexy comedy exploring sexuality, race, gender, and immigration through a Queer Chicana lens returns to La Penã where the show first played in 2003. Written and performed by Chicana teatrista, Adelina Anthony, and featuring comedian Coral Lopez - this special engagement is sure to sell out and will not be returning to the Bay Area.

8pm $18 adv., $20 dr. - ($15 Students w/ID & Seniors)

17 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM

SF International Latino Film Festival
Caribe
Dir. Esteban Ramírez. 04, Costa Rica. 90 min. Politics, passion & environmentalism collide in this steamy drama set in Costa Rica. After moving to a peaceful Costa Rican fishing community to work for a banana company, Vicente Vallejo and his wife Abigail become involved in a struggle between angry locals and a multinational oil company that wants to drill off the coast.
7pm $6 gen. $5 *(members ILFF)*

18 HIP HOP THEATER

La Peña & Hip Hop Theater Festival presents **Kristina Wong's Free?** With more street cred than you can shake a pair of Hammer pants at, *Kristina Wong* riff on notions of freedom in times that would make Joe McCarthy gasp. Show highlights include satirical homages to *save the world in five minutes*, homeland suckurity, and that new disease from Asia -- what was it this time? Also HHTF Shorts by ***Suicide Kings*** & ***Ise Lyfe***. **8pm $10gen.** ($8 seniors & students W/ID)

19 DOS VOCES

The Chilean singer **Jacqueline Castro Ravelo** of Holland joins our own Bay Area favorite **Rafael Manriquez**. Exiled in Netherlands for 28 years, Jacqueline shares her songs in honor of Gabriela Mistral, the Chilean Nobel prize winning writer. Rafael will be sharing his songs dedicated to the great Chilean poet Pablo Neruda and other Chilean writers.

8pm $12 gen. $10 students

20 HIP HOP THEATER

La Peña and Hip Hop Theater Festival Present HHTF Shorts #2 featuring Suicide Kings and Ise Lyfe
7pm and
4th Annual International Hip Hop Exchange Celebrate the global influence of conscious grassroots Hip Hop with performances by **DREAM, El Efe** of Brasil, **Company of Prophets,** and **Panama**.
9:30pm
$15 for both shows or $10 each adv. tickets avail.

24 YOUTH CONCERT

The Kaveman Experience

A live CD recording session concert with 15-17 year-old musicians playing Tenor Sax, Trumpet, Flute, Bass, Piano and Drums. Original compositions with flavors of Hip Hop, R&B, Funk, Jazz and Latin Jazz.

7pm $10

25 COMEDY & SPOKEN WORD

iPride fundraiser for the ***FUSION Summer Program*** for Mixed Heritage & Transracially Adopted Youth. An evening featuring mixed-heritage spoken word artists, comics & musicians. With the Bay Area's own, ***Ali Wong, Kyria Traber, Kim Shuck, Theresa Perez, Samantha Chance, Chris Garcia, & Maceo Cabrera Estevez (Macho)***. Co-sponsored by SWIRL.
7pm $12-15 adults $10 students
More info: Andrew Jolivette at 415-338-1664.

26 CONCERT

Bolokada Conde & Les Percussion Malinke

Bolokada Conde, perfomer soloist of the world famous *Les Percussion Du Guinee*, master *djembefola*, expert of Malinke Rhythms & extraordinary *Djembe* player will lead a group of Bay Area percussionist featuring Malinke rhythms from the Sankaran region of Guinea, West Africa.

8:30pm $15 adv. $20 dr.

27 *HIP HOP*

Pa to the Bay presents an evening of hip-hop, reggae, and dancehall (plena)

Los Rakas: Panama & Rico
Ise Lyfe
Youth Movement Records' CD release party.

Hosted by ***Do Dat*** from the ***The Attik***
With DJ **Treat U Nice**
Doors open at **9pm**
$7 before10pm, $10 after

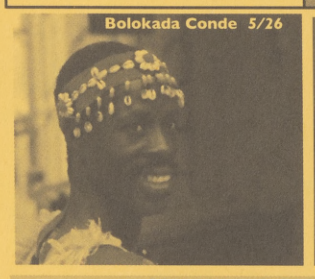
31 FILM

Arab Women Film Series

Films made by Arab women
Last Wednesdays of the Month
Please check SunbulaWomen.org for details or lapena.org

7pm $5-$10

sliding scale, no one turned away


Bolokada Conde 5/26

Kamal. The Kaveman Experience 5/24

LA PEÑA CULTURAL CENTER HAS BEEN SELECTED TO BE ONE OF 17 PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTERS TO BENEFIT FROM A $9 MILLION GRANT INITIATIVE LAUNCHED BY THE NONPROFIT FINANCE FUND WITH SUPPORT OF THE DORIS DUKE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION.
For more information on this prestigious opportunity, please visit our website at www.lapena.org and click on "press" for news release.

La Peña Wish List
• Portable professional Speakers • bass amp • digital camcorder • USB connection scanner for Macintosh • Please call Paul at 849-2568 ext. 17

Hip Hop Theater Festival: Bay Area 2006 Schedule
5/18 • 8pm **HHTF Shorts** featuring ***Suicide Kings, Ise Lyfe, Kristina Wong*** @ La Peña
5/19 •7pm & 5/21• 2pm ***REPRESENTA!*** featuring Paul S. Flores & Julio Cardenas @ Project Artaud Theater San Francisco www.sfiaf.org tix (415) 647-2822
5/20 • 7pm, 9pm **HHTF** Shorts featuring Suicide Kings, Ise Lyfe & **Intl. Hip Hop Exchange** @ La Peña
full schedule at www.lapena.org

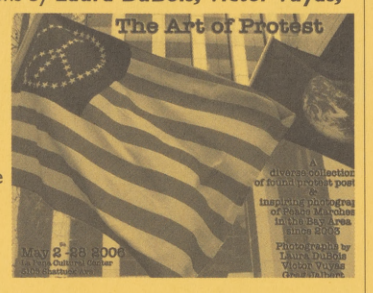
WAYS TO SUPPORT LA PEÑA

• **Support La Peña while you shop**; join ESCRIP for free! You can effortlessly join ESCRIP and have your shopping support La Peña. Every time you shop, La Peña can make money, at no additional cost to you! To register, go to escrip.com. It is easy, quick and oh! so rewarding. Group Name & Number: La Peña Cultural Center; 137106344

• **Go the Extra Mile for La Peña!** Runners needed for Bay to Breakers. La Peña's Laura Ruiz will be running to raise funds for La Peña in the annual Bay to Breakers: Sun. May 21. We are looking for co-runners & sponsors to commit an amount either per mile or a flat donation to La Peña. Please call (510) 849-2568 x14

EXPOSICIONES / LA PEÑA EXHIBITS MAY 2006

THEATER: The Art of Protest - May 2 - 28 2006. Photographs by ***Laura DuBois, Victor Vuyas, Greg Jalbert***. Posters courtesy of **Hadley Louden**. A diverse combination of abandoned and "found" posters and revealing photographs. Included is a collection of protest posters, both hand-made and mass-produced, collected after marches and rallies. 3 photographers share their insights into the messages, contrasts & beautiful humanity these protests inspire. Reception: May 7, 2006



CAFE & LOBBY: Original Paintings by **O'Brian Thiele** and **Rhea Thiele-Seidenberg**. Paintings by father and daughter duo, muralist and fine artist, O'Brien Thiele, and art teacher, Rhea Thiele-Seidenberg. Working in various media, this team strives to visually interpret time, space, and light. Reception on Friday May 12. The public is invited to their opening. reception on Friday, May 12, 5:30-7 pm, Cafe Lobby.

La Peña Cultural Center Calendar • June 2006

SEE MAY 06 ON THE BACK

1975 ☆ La Peña Celebrates its 31st Birthday ☆ 2006

An open house & a free evening of performances from La Peña's artistic community.

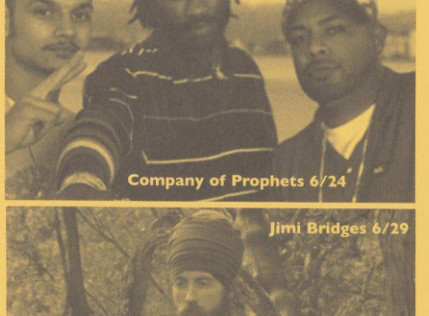
La Peña celebrates its 31 birthday with an open house featuring artists & groups who have had long association with La Peña and/or conducting classes at the center. The featured artists are the ***La Peña Chorus*** directed by ***Lichi Fuentes, Lydia Mills*** & ***Los Mapaches***, African drummer ***Bolokada Conde***, singer-songwriter ***Rafael Manriquez, The Lab Hip Hop Ensemble, directed by Brutha Los*** & ***Raul Perales, Latin Jazz Orchestra*** directed by ***Josh Jones, Hector Lugo*** and his bomba class, ***Samora & Elena Pinderhughes, Manuel Suarez***, and many more...

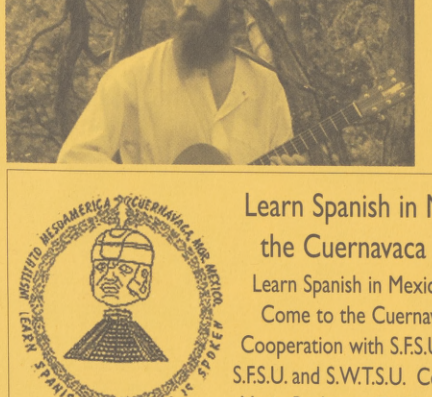
Sat. June 10. 6pm on... Free!

Teresa Estrada 6/1

Los Nadies 6/1

Los Mapaches 6/3


Steve Taylor-Ramirez 6/15


Altipampa 6/16

Akosua 6/22

Company of Prophets 6/24

Jimi Bridges 6/29

Jose Luis orozco 6/10

SUNDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 No Rumba today ***Superfest XXVI International Disability Film Festival*** ***Superfest*** films are an antidote to Hollywood's obsession with *better dead than disabled* stories. Two afternoons of innovative award-winners; 14 powerful, provocative, informative &, frequently, hilarious. Screenings: **12:30-5pm. $5-20 sliding scale**. Call CDT (510-845-5576) for schedule. * ***Meet the Filmmakers*** Reception & Awards **Event: 6-9pm. Free**.		**7** CAFE OPEN FROM 9AM CHECK LA PEÑA'S WEB SITE FOR LAST MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG** **CAFÉ VALPARAÍSO,** Now open for breakfast and lunch OPEN FROM 9AM	**8** CAFE OPEN FROM 9AM	**1** CAFE OPEN FROM 9AM **Advance Sale Ticket Information** Advance sale tickets are available for a select number of programs. Tickets may be purchased online via our web-site, www.lapena.org. **Advance tickets do not guarantee a seat.** Ticketholders must arrive by show time for seating. People with special needs should call **849-2568 ext. 20** to make special arrangements.	**2** CONCERT/CONCIERTO *La Peña & Noches Bohemias* present an amazing double bill with **Los Nadies** & **Tere Estrada** (direct from Mexico). ***Los Nadies***' music is a unique blend of Rock, Nueva Trova, South American folklore & Afro Latin rhythms. On tour from Mexico, ***Tere Estrada*** combines Jazz, rock & *música latina*. **8pm $10 adv. $12 dr.**	**3** TWO PROGRAMS **Superfest XXVI International Disability Film Festival**. 12:30-5pm. $5-20 sliding scale*. For schedule & access accommodations, call *Corporation on Disabilities & Telecommunication*, CDT: 510-845-5576 or: culturedisabilitytalent.org **Los Mapaches CD Release Concert!** Do not miss their 7th annual spring concert. Celebrate with them the release of their second CD of zampoñas, tarkas, & traditional folk songs from South America! **8pm $10 adult, $5 kids**
11 CUBAN DANCE BENEFIT **3:30pm -** Rumba Dance Class with Ramon Ramos Alayo, & Susana Arenas **5:00pm** - Popular Cuban Dance: Salsa, Mambo, Son y Mas w/Ramon and Susana **$15** each or **$25**/both **8pm -** Dance Peformance with Alayo and Arenas Dance Companies performing Yoruban, Rumba and Popular and modern Cuban Dance followed by a DJ Dance Party **$18** A benefit for the Alayo & Arenas Dance Companies		**14** CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY KIRA ALLEN 7:30PM **CHECK LA PEÑA'S** WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION IN ENGLISH & SPANISH & FOR UP-TO-THE-MINUTE PROGRAMMING **WWW.LAPENA.ORG**	**15** CONCERT Socially conscious folk & classic tunes from Mexico with **Steve Taylor-Ramirez.** A Berkeley songwriter whose tunes have received praise from personalities such as Alan Kalter, of The Late Show & Corey Mason, (KECG, 88.1 FM). Fellow musicians compare his work to that of Bob Dylan, Lou Reed & Leonard Cohen. Join Taylor-Ramirez for an evening of original, socially conscious folk songs, mixed with the classic Mexican - from Ritchie Valens to Jose Alfredo Jimenez. ***8pm $10 gen./$8 students w/ID***	**16** CONCERT **Altipampa** Altipampa reunites original members of the group Inkuyo & seasoned Bay Area musicians *Pamela Darington, Jorge Tapia & Omar Sepulveda*. They come together with *Lydia Mills*, who brings her voice to create an ensemble based on the traditional sounds of the Andes, yet moving beyond the mountains to the valleys & plains of the neighbouring regions. **8pm $12 adv. $14 dr.**	**17** CONCERT Send off concert **La Peña Community Chorus** The Chorus will take their music to Perú. July 7-23, 2006. Hear about our exciting plans! Hear our new Peruvian songs! Buy our crafts & music! **8pm $10-$15**
18 CAFE RUMBA 3:30PM *Benefit concert for Lighthouse Community Charter School* **Jesus Diaz** Jesus will be performing his dance inspiring Cuban Timba music to benefit Lighthouse Community Charter School. Come dance the night away to support a great cause! **6:30pm $40*** Proceeds go to Lighthouse and the low income students they serve.		**21** ***Paradise****'s Cafe Poetry 7:30pm* ***SF International Latino Film Festival Tijuana Jews -*** Dir. Isaac Artenstein, 05. USA, 52 min. A community of European Jews that blended with Mexican cultures & customs. **Jai-** Dir. Ariel Zylbersztein, 04. Mexico, 9 min. Answering grandchildren's questions about concentration camp tattoos. **Deep Sea-** Dir. Mariana Chenillo, 03. Mexico, 19 min. Two Jewish children arriving in Mexico by boat rekindled a romance some 35 years later. **7pm $6 gen. $5** *(members ILFF)*	**22** CONCERT **Akosua** This Ghanaian-American singer-songwriter weaves a West African & Latin influenced fusion of folk & jazz into a sultry sound to soothe your soul. Her soaring vocals and poignant lyrics have been compared to that of Sade, Ani Difranco, and Tracy Chapman. Akosua communicates a timeless wisdom through song. A truly "*poetic songbird*" with "*champagne-sweet pipes*," (EB Bay Express). **8pm**	**23** BAILE **Pellejo Seco** Original Cuban Son Featuring Ivan Camblor, Marco Diaz, Livan Montoya, Osvaldo Carbajal, Hector Lugo and Rogelio Maya playing new tunes and old favorites! **9pm $12**	**24** HIP HOP AIDS Awareness and Hip Hop show performances by **Company of Prophets** **Jennifer Johns** (to be confirmed) **DJ Treat u Nice** and more **$10 gen. $8 students W/ID** Check La Pena.com for additions to this line up!
25 CAFE OPEN FROM 9AM For programs added after the calendar has gone to print, visit La Peña's new website www.lapena.org		**28** FILM **Arab Women Film Series** Films made by Arab women. Last Wednesdays of the Month Please check SunbulaWomen.org for details or lapena.org **7pm $5-$10** sliding scale no one turned away		**29** CONCERT **Jimi Bridges' Music without borders** Jimi Bridges performs & records all original music on instruments from around the world. This music comes from deep roots in gospel, devotional bhajans, kirtan, nyahbinghi, reggae, folk, blues, jazz, rock, & R&B. Jimi offers mystic music, a rare blend of the modern & the ancient, uplifting the mind & soul with a flowing stream of melody, harmony, & rhythm. **8pm $8 gen. $6** (Students w/ID)	**30** CONCERT **THE K.T.O. PROJECT** Formerly The Kelly Takunda Orphan Project. A blend of original music fused with different ethnic sensibilities-from Africa to the Middle East to the Americas, this music was created to uplift your spirits and feel funky all at the same time! With Kelly Takunda Orphan, Amber Hines, Victor Little, Michelle Jacques, Donna Viscusso, Bob Crawford, Billy Johnson & featuring Zimbabwean guitarist, Zivanai Musango. **8:30pm $15**	**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** For over 30 years, La Peña has counted on volunteers. We need volunteers to help staff our programs, do grassroots publicity, participate in fundraising activities, bulk mailings, and much more. We especially need people with carpentry and electrical skills. **Call Mariola Fernández @ 510/849-2568 x13, or mariola@lapena.org**

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Jaranon y Bochinche

Centro Cultural Tradicion Peruana presents an evening of traditional and contemporary Afro-Peruvian music and dance from Peru's coastal region.

8:30pm $15

☆ **La Peña Celebrates its 31st Birthday** ☆

with an open house and a free show featuring performers from La Peña's great artistic community.

6pm on... Free!

La Peña Community Chorus 6/17

KTO Project 6/30

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Pellejo Seco 6/23

Join La Peña and Make a Difference!

Yes, I want to support La Peña by joining the Song of Unity Membership!

If you value our contribution to the social and political life in the Bay Area, please consider making a contribution.

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- ☐ **$250** *Victor Jara* – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- ☐ **$100** *Paul Robeson* – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
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- ☐ **$25** *Activista* – Student, fixed income, low income membership with **calendar**, newsletter, and mailings (only $2 per month)

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